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Auditor: Red Clay Violated State Bid Laws

Trouble for the Red Clay School District...State Auditor Tom Wanger says the district failed to follow state bid laws and failed to document thousands of dollars worth of services.

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State Auditor Tom Wagner received a complaint alleging the Red Clay School District paid more than \$260,000 to Nor Enterprises for services that were not provided. Wagner says there's no evidence the services were not provided, he says, the district just did not document the services. "Documenting before you pay bills is the responsibility of the government agency. We just didn't have the documentation." The audit, which is on its way to the Attorney General's office, also found the district failed to follow state bid laws. "If the contracts are over \$50,000 you have to go out to bid. In some cases, they just didn't bid this out or follow the bid procedures." Nor Enterprises, which is headed by former Wilmington City Councilman Norman Oliver, provided counseling and mentoring services for students.

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